

THE DAY THE CABLE LANDED



On the bench at Rouse's Hummock, where the cable was landed. In the carriage in white shirtsleeves is Alden Chandler whose horse is driving the carriage. Hiram Foster is with him. [picture was loaned by Mrs. Warren Wadsworth.]

The cable (whose landing is described on Page 14 of Section B) was in working order the latter part of the same month. The office was pleasantly situated in a central portion of the town, on the corner of St. George and Washington streets. During the summer months, it attracted many visitors. One gentleman, an

eminent clergyman from Connecticut, stopped over on purpose to see the cable work, and was refused admittance, but being one of the persevering sort he came back again in the evening and perched himself on a fence nearby and took a birdseye view of the situation through the window for nearly an hour. When

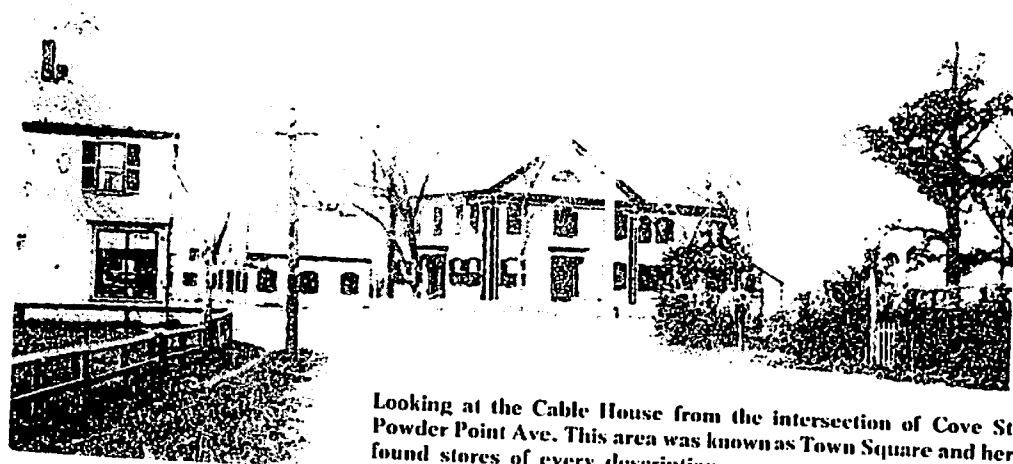
asked by one of the operators if he felt rewarded, he said he did.

Sir William Thompson's recorder was used -- the average rate of working speed was about 20 words a minute.

The Western Union Telegraph Company occupied rooms in the same building where they worked a duplex with New York, besides 3 other wires, which were used for cable business when occasion required.



Mill Pond at rear of Cable House



Looking at the Cable House from the intersection of Cove St. and Powder Point Ave. This area was known as Town Square and here you found stores of every description.